

St. Catherine, St. Donatus,
St. Joseph & Sts. Peter & Paul
Catholic Churches
Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 12, 2021



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Reconciliation

Saturdays at SJ, 8:10-8:45 AM; 3:00-3:30 PM; Sundays at SPP 7:00-7:30 AM

Baptisms-Parents must be registered members of one of the parishes and attend a Pre-Baptism Class. Expecting families please contact the parish office at 872-3234 to schedule a class for St. Catherine, St. Donatus, St. Joseph and Sts. Peter & Paul.

Weddings-Arrangements should be made at least 8 months prior to the marriage by contacting the St. Joseph Parish office. One or both of the parties needs to be a registered, practicing member of one of our parishes or a parish where they reside. The latest time for a wedding at St. Joseph is 1:30 p.m. if held on Saturday. In addition to the pastor/deacon, other priests/deacons may preside at weddings with pastor's permission.

Pastoral Care

Call the parish office for Anointing of the Sick, Holy Communion, and visits to the homebound. If no answer, call Deacon Loras Weber at 563-599-6717.

RCIA: Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Adults who wish to become Catholic should call the office.

Mass Schedule

Saturday (vigil)

- ◇ 4:15 PM St. Joseph
- ◇ 5:30 PM St. Catherine (May - October)

Sunday

- ◇ 8:00 AM Sts. Peter & Paul
- ◇ 8:00 AM St. Donatus (May - October)
- ◇ 10:15 AM St. Joseph

Daily Mass/Holy Days--See inside

The community of St. Catherine, St. Donatus, Sts. Peter & Paul, and St. Joseph Parishes has been called to a holy life by our loving Father in REVERENT WORSHIP. We are empowered with the Holy Spirit to experience FREEDOM IN CHRIST. We seek to live out our lives through the LOVE OF CHRIST. -Mission Statement

A MESSAGE FROM FR. MILLER/OTHER

Friends

Peace be with you.

I begin sharing a recent message from Archbishop Jackels. Before I do, I want to say that I thought and prayed long and hard about whether I should share this, not because I disagree with the Archbishop at all (which I don't) but because "bad gas travels fast, especially in a small town." However, I would hate for someone who genuinely wants to support a Catholic radio station to go to this and be led astray by a priest whose zealous love of tradition has led him to be more "Catholic" than the Catholic Church. So I ask that you heed the Archbishop's warning and not go.

Statement regarding a radio station event featuring Fr. Altman. Various folks are asking for a comment from the Archbishop regarding a Dubuque- based radio station and a speaker event it is sponsoring. It isn't a Catholic radio station per se. Its directors are Catholic. It airs Catholic programs. But it has no formal relationship with the Church or the Archdiocese. To make use of the term "Catholic" requires the permission of the local bishop, which has not been given to this radio station for two reasons:

1. Because the Church would then be responsible for the doctrinal content of their broadcasts; there aren't the resources to do that.

2. And because that nomenclature would benefit its fund-raising efforts; there are more needy recipients of donations.

For these reasons, the radio station shouldn't in any way be associated with archdiocesan parishes, so as to avoid confusion about its relation to the Church. And this applies most definitely to the speaker event featuring Father James Altman. He is a priest of the Diocese of La Crosse, but not in good standing. As a consequence, he may not celebrate Holy Mass or the sacraments in the Archdiocese of Dubuque. Also, at a recent speaking event he stated that some Vatican II documents are "bad news" and contain "sketchy stuff" which he says opens up the way to heresy. He went on to say that Bishop Barron is in error for teaching from those documents, and that he should take back what he said, or be thrown out of the Catholic Church. If that wasn't bad enough, the room full of Catholics who paid money to hear that priest speak, hooted and hollered, clapping loudly in approval! For those reasons, but also because the priest claims COVID is a con, and that it's a sin to vote for or be a Democrat, faithful Catholics should not attend that event. - Michael O. Jackels Archbishop of Dubuque

Okay, back to Fr. Dennis

At St. Joseph Cemetery in Bellevue, as in many cemeteries, there are some older gravestones that are in need of repair. They are broken and may even be laying flat on the ground. We have a person, George Daugherty, who would like to fix them and get them as close to original as possible. To make sure that family members are comfortable with someone fixing their family members headstones, here is a list of the names and dates of death of the gravestones George would like to fix...

Message from Fr. Miller continued

John McKillip	10/25/1862
James P. McKillip	1862
Ellen J. McKillip	11/30/1863
Wagner	1879
Margretha Wagner	12/31/1891
John H. Wagner	12/28/1905
Nemeier Antone	44 years (1800's)
Nicolas Pears	1/18/1869
Mary Pears	2/01/1869
Anna Theresia Altfilisch	1867
Anna Muller	9/03/1852
Nicholous Hengen	
Michael A. O'Conner	
Earl Dosch	6/20/1867
Stone next to M. Wagner	

If you would prefer that your relative's gravestone not be repaired, please contact George Daugherty 563-940-6851; Mike Daugherty 319-240-6157; or Chris Lampe 563-495-2333 and let them know.

This is a worthy project and one that I'm often approached about by various people for the five cemeteries for which I'm responsible. I always ask that people do their best to contact immediate family members and make some public statement like this before we do the repairs. If you know any family members of the above people, please let them know of the repairs we plan to do. And, if you notice older stones in need of repair, please contact me before repairing them yourself so we can make this type of public announcement. And, as always, please pray for the dead because it is a corporal work of mercy.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

After the last year plus of pandemic life many of us are looking for a fresh start. Consider attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience. Upcoming dates and locations are October 22nd - 24th in Coralville, IA and November 19th-21st in Holstein, IA. Register at lowa-wwme.org or call 563-608-3305 with any questions.

YOUTH GROUP/ EPIC/HS FF/CONFIRMATION

- Sunday, Sept. 19 - Confirmation Class for sophomores - 9:30 - noon.
- Sunday, Sept. 19 - EPIC Movie - meet in Kruse Center - 3:00-5:00 p.m. Bring snacks/drink/comfy chair/blanket.
- Sunday, Sept. 19 - Middle School Faith Formation-meet in Kruse Center - 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- Sunday, Sept. 19 - High School Faith Formation - Class in Kruse Center - 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Stewardship Quote ... In the second reading today, St. James has harsh words for those who do not put their faith into action. May we be such good stewards of God's gifts to us that we can never be accused of having "faith that does nothing in practice."

OTHER

St. Catherine/St. Donatus Parish News

The 2021-22 St. Catherine/St. Donatus K-10 Faith Formation Program will hold its first session with students on Sunday, September 19, in St. Donatus Parish Center following the 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Donatus Church. All K-10 students from our parishes who are not attending a parochial school are asked to register and attend this program. Sessions will be held usually on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays of the month following the 8 a.m. Mass held either at St. Donatus (September-October) or St. Catherine (November-April) parish. Please contact Marybeth Wagner, program director, at dbq181ff@dbqarch.org for registration information, forms and a calendar. We welcome **all** to join us and are looking forward to a great year.

There will also be an opportunity for pre-schoolers and their parents to meet together on the 3rd Sunday of the month during the Faith Formation sessions in the months of September-November and January-March. No registration is necessary for this program.

Why do we have our Monthly Special Collections? We are asked to tithe – to share 10% of what we received – to give back to Our Lord in some way. The Church suggests that we donate 5% to the Church and 5% to others in need. The purpose of our parishes' Social Justice Commission is two-fold: 1. educate parishioners on area non-profit groups that reach out to help people in need; 2. provide a way for parishioners to help support the organizations either monetarily, materially, or personally with our "helping hands." Each year the Social Justice Commission seeks out area charitable groups to support, endeavoring to help some of the same each year while also seeking out new groups to introduce to members of our parishes.

Our **Monthly Special Collection designee** for September is the organization "**Vision to Learn.**" The local **Vision to Learn** program provides free eye exams and free eyeglasses to students in Dubuque and Jackson Counties. Vision to Learn is a Mobile Eye Clinic that takes an optician and optometrist to schools and other programs, with the goal to help children to read at grade level by the end of third grade. Envelopes for donations to our monthly designees can be found, once again, at the end of each of our pews and placed in the regular collection basket at either parish any weekend of this month. Thank you for supporting those in need.

How did some people respond when asked "**just what makes Mass beautiful and meaningful for you?**" Find out next weekend following our Masses at St. Catherine and St. Donatus churches.



Our sympathy and prayers to the family of Marcy Engelman who passed away on September 1st and to the family of Clifford Meier who passed away on September 2nd. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.



STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING

St. Catherine

Adult Contributors	
Envelopes.....	\$1375.00
Online giving.....	\$80.00
Offertory.....	\$20.00
Total.....	\$1475.00

St. Donatus

Adult Contributors	
Envelopes.....	\$441.00
Offertory.....	\$339.00
Votive.....	\$30.00
Total.....	\$810.00

St. Joseph

Adult Contributors	
Envelopes.....	\$4696.00
EFT (Auto Deposit)	\$652.00
Youth.....	\$23.00
Offertory.....	\$719.00
Votive.....	\$40.00
Online giving.....	\$1425.00
Total.....	\$7555.00

Sts. Peter & Paul

Adult Contributors	
Envelopes.....	\$1205.00
EFT (Auto Deposit)	\$981.00
Offertory.....	\$153.00
Votive.....	\$9.00
BBQ.....	\$400.00
Fuel Assistance.....	\$400.00
Online giving.....	\$30.00
Total.....	\$3178.00

PARISH NEWS

Sts. Joseph

- ⇒ **Many thanks** to all those who helped in any way to make our Pork Roast a success. Your time and generosity is greatly appreciated.
- ⇒ **Pork Roast Raffles Winners:** **TV**-Terry Sieverding; **Quilt**-Diane Ploeger; **Grill** - Travis/Cortney Kueter; **Cash: \$500**-Rosemary Hickson **\$250**-Chris Lampe & Emma Roling; **\$100**-Patsy Burken, Mike Schroeder, Cindy Broders, Marilyn Ploessl, Corey Kettmann (donated back); **\$50**-Rick Sieverding, Jack Grutz, Kelsen Decker, Linda Squiers (donated back), Jamie Sieverding, Kathy Blitgen, Glen Gassmann, John Kettmann, Donna Medinger, Linda Michels; **\$25**-Randy Koos (donated back), Dahlia Beauchamp, Ron Dempewolf, Travis/Kristie Pfiffner, Ron Besch, Phyllis Yeager, Larry Hager, Jacob Deaver, Jr. Weinschenk, Linda Michels.

September - Month of the Seven Sorrows of Mary

A MESSAGE FROM JULIE SCHMIDT/OTHER

Catechist Corner- Julie Schmidt

I was having a conversation with some ladies on my patio one night this summer and one of them mentioned how nice it would be if there was a program for our teenagers at our church. And I smirked and asked, "Like a youth group?" She responded, "Yes, exactly!"

It was then that I realized that maybe we don't share our programs with our parishioners as much as we should. Especially if parents of young children, like this friend, aren't even aware of what our parishes have to offer to our young people. So here goes...

Our parishes have a middle school youth group known as EPIC (Everything is Possible in Christ) for students in grades 6-8 that meets in the Kruse Center for a Food, Faith, and Fun afternoon about once a month after the 10:15 am Masses in Bellevue. Also, EPIC gathers once a month for an afternoon movie in the Kruse Center. This summer, EPIC participated in our first Service and Fun days. We gathered on a Saturday and completed service projects (garage cleaning, landscaping, window washing, weed pulling, etc) for parishioners in need and on Sunday, we went to Mass together and then traveled to Dubuque for a movie and Pizza Ranch.

Since 2008, our parishes have had an active high school Youth Group, participating in activities ranging from carving pumpkins with the individuals at the DAC home to leading the Stations of the Cross to taking a trip to a Haunted House. Two of the Youth Group favorites are the annual photo scavenger hunt and the 3-day mission trip each summer to assist with clean up in a town that has been hit by a natural disaster. Also, every other year, we send students and chaperones to the National Catholic Youth Conference- this November we have 30 students making the trek to Indianapolis.

There is no registration or sign up to be a "member" of either the EPIC program or Youth Group. Just show up! We do collect permission forms for events that take us off campus. All of the events are listed in the parish bulletin and announced at weekend Masses. If a student or parent has a question about attending our events, please contact me at DBQ012ym@dbqarch.org.

Of course there is no way that I could lead all of these events on my own! We have over 60 other parishioners who have served as chaperones or helpers throughout the existence of our programs. And some of our Youth Group Alumni have jumped on board as adult volunteers. It has been very rewarding watching our teenagers grow into young adults of great faith and then pass it onto the young ones that follow.

As always, thank you for your support and prayers for the programs and young people involved in our parishes!

Jackson County Walk to End Alzheimer's

Every dollar you raise through Walk allows the Alzheimer's Association to provide 24/7 care and support while accelerating critical research. Join the Jackson County Walk on Saturday, Sept. 25th, Maquoketa YMCA at 9:00 a.m. or Bellevue Felderman Park at 1:00 p.m.

LITURGICAL ROLES

St. Joseph - Saturday, September 18 at 4:15 PM

Lector: Andy Bishop **Eucharistic Minister:** Gail Michels, Melissa Brinker, Cortney Kueter, Judy Moran

Lead Rosary: Kim Moore **Sacristan:** Carol Ries

Servers: Alaina/Nic DeSotel & 1 Volunteer

Ushers: Tim Daugherty, Loras Deppe, Ethan DeSotel, Dick Zeimet

Sunday, September 19 at 10:15 AM

Lector: Megan Capesius **Eucharistic Minister:** Melissa Sturm, Dahlia Beauchamp, Monica McHugh, Gail Michels

Lead Rosary: Kim Schroeder **Sacristan:** Angela Burken

Servers: Callie/Brody/Grace Recker **Ushers:** Joe

Kettmann, Volunteer, Ron Ries, Isaac Sturm

Sts. Peter & Paul - Sunday, September 19 at 8:00 AM

Lector: Beth Gerlach **Eucharistic Minister:** Melissa Schmidt

Server: Mason & Avery Pitts **Lead Rosary:** Jr. & Laura

Steines **Ushers:** Greg Thomas, Steve Peters, Jim Portz,

Jerome Bies

St. Donatus - Sunday, September 19 at 8:00 AM

Server: Sophie Tritz **Lector:** Brandon Rennison **Eucharistic**

Minister: Pat Draus **Ushers:** Mark Heitz & Cody Heitz

St. Catherine - Saturday, September 18 at 5:30 PM

Lector: Michele Colbert **Eucharistic Minister:** Judy Lochner

Ushers: Ken Lochner & Dennis Noel

St. Catherine Steak Fry

We will be hosting a Steak fry on Sept. 25th at the Parish Center. All families & friends are welcome to come and enjoy supper and fellowship. The \$20.00 ticket catered by Kalmes' will include your steak or 2 chicken breasts, baked potato, green beans, salads and dessert along with lemonade or coffee. There will also be a \$5.00 hotdog meal for the kids. You are welcome to bring a cooler with your favorite beverage as well. Serving will be from 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Tickets will be available from Roger Manders, Joe Kies and JoAnn Herrig and will also be sold at the door.

Everyone is invited!

Bulletin Ads

Terri Roe from LPi, our bulletin printer, will be working the week of **September 13th**, securing new ads for our church. As a valuable member of the business community, we invite you to expand your reach and grow your business with a print ad in our parish bulletin and/or a digital ad featured on ParishesOnline.com.

Sts. Peter & Paul's, Springbrook, Iowa Fall Breakfast

Sunday, Oct. 17th - Serving 7:00 am - 12:00 Noon

****Sign-up sheets and Grocery Donation List are in the greeting space.** *New Circles List are available

Circles 4, 5, & 6 are assigned to work and **Circles 1, 2, & 3** are asked to donate 1 dozen sweet rolls or donuts.

Will have Raffles, 50/50 Drawing, & Bake Sale

MASS SCHEDULE/INTENTIONS

Monday, September 13

5:30 PM - SJ For the People

Tuesday, September 14

8:25 AM - SJ † Lloyd Stecklein; † Butch Finzel
† Rosemary Kueter

5:30 PM - SC For the People

Wednesday, September 15

8:25 AM - SJ † Hazel & Donald Lemer; † Richard Eggers
† Dominic & Florence Kilburg & Family

10:00 AM - Mill Valley Care Center

† Mary Ann Till

Thursday, September 16

8:00 AM - SPP † Eleanor Thines; † Collin Long

Friday, September 17

8:00 AM - SD † Deceased Members of the Ambrosy
Family

8:25 AM - SJ † Melvin Wagner; † Marilyn Clasen

Saturday, September 18

1:30 PM - SD Wedding of Sarah Kloft & Alex
Vandegrift

4:15 PM - SJ † Mary "Shirley" Monner; † Collin Long
† Allan Heiar; † Earl, Averle, & Corey Mueller

5:30 PM - SC † Carl Weimerskirch; † Bill Gaber

Sunday, September 19

8:00 AM - SD † Wayne Pollock; † Milton Weber

8:00 AM - SPP † Leon Kilburg; † Bob Scheckel

10:15 AM - SJ † Rosie, Marvin, Lynn, & Gary Michels
† Mary Ann & Roger Ties

MASS SCHEDULE/INTENTIONS CONTINUED

Sunday, September 19

10:15 AM - SJ † John & Mary Ann Upmann
† Milton Kettmann

† Don Sieverding & Arnie Schwager; † Kayla Nemmers

AREA EVENTS

- ◆ **Sacred Heart Fall Festival, Walker, Iowa**, Sunday, Sept. 19th from 11:00 AM to 1PM. Grilled pork loin, cheesy potatoes, green beans, coleslaw, dinner roll, mac-n-cheese, pies or cupcakes. Raffle prizes.
- ◆ **St. Joseph Parish, Preston** will be hosting their **Fall Festival** on Sunday, September 26th from 11 AM to 2 PM. There will be a Kalmes' Chicken & Ham dinner with all the fixings; also raffles, basket auction, bingo, bake sale, children's games, ice cream and car show.



Card Party at St. Joseph's Bellevue

St. Joseph's Church in Bellevue will be hosting their monthly euchre card party Sunday, Sept. 19th. It is recommended but not mandatory that people wear masks. Lunch will be served first at 6:00 p.m. with cards to follow at 6:30 p.m. in the Fr. Kruse Parish Center. Cost is \$3 and includes lunch and prizes. All are welcome.

The Marquette Catholic School kitchen would like to thank everyone for the extra produce that has been donated to the hot lunch program.